Town Council Meeting Minutes September 13, 2010 6:30 pm

Rebecca Mann, Absent Dean Geracimos

Rich Taylor Ron Francis

Frank Vari Frank Hill, Mayor Keith Baynes, Town Attorney-Absent Sharon Weygand, Town Administrator

Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Hill brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes from August 9, 2010

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, Rich Taylor seconded to accept the minutes from August 9, 2010. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Announcements:

Ron Francis: Oct 17th the Cecil County Landfill will be accepting household hazardous wastes and medications. September 25th is National Take-Back Day (turning in controlled substances) to the Elkton Police Department.

Frank Vari asked for a moment of silence for remembering those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Proclamation - Constitution Week:

MOTION: Rich Taylor made a motion, Ron Francis seconded to declare September 17 through September 23, 2010 as Constitution week, in recognition of the historic importance of the Constitution and the significant role it plays in our life today. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Ron Francis

Public Works

Waiting for the meeting with SHA to discuss the parking lot under the bridge.

Water/Sewer Status

Water quality has improved. Flushings should only be about once a year.

Noise

Random measurements taken with the meter the past couple of weeks; all readings within normal limits.

• Rebecca Mann

Public Safety

Will be requesting 'No U-Turn' signs for bottom of bridge from SHA

Charter Ethics

• Rich Taylor

Financial

Reminding that there will be an increase in water & sewer rates this spring.

Frank Vari

Planning & Zoning

Historic

Elections were held: Chair - Harriet Davis; Vice Chair- Tracey Sampson;

Secretary – Linda Francis

Parking Committee

5K Run/Walk

Sponsor sheets are being sent out. Registrations are available for the New Years Day run.

Recycling

Along with the Mayor and Councilman Francis, they attending the latest County Commissioners meeting trying to get the rebate returned to the municipalities. Will also be speaking the 4th and 5th graders at the Elementary School about recycling.

• Dean Geracimos

Parks & Recreation

There is some interest in a Community Flower and Vegetable Garden plot in Helen Titter Park.

Docks

Little League

The Fall League is continuing to grow, there were three games this evening. Working on trying to get the community more involved with the local schools. There is a Merchants meeting tomorrow and they are continuing to work towards a Chamber of Commerce.

Office Reports

Sharon Weygand Town Administrator – Report Included
 Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer – P&L Report attached

• Frank Hill Mayor

Requesting a Closed Session with council to discuss Personnel Issues. The meeting will last approximately an hour. Will email Council for a convenient time that everyone can attend.

Old Business

- I Love Chesapeake City Campaign has not received any negative response from other the businesses in Town. Will have specific costs at the workshop. Trying to research when the Town incorporate to launch the merchandise.
- Winterfest of Lights searching for sponsors. Will be speaking at the Merchants meeting.

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Dean Geracimos seconded to move ahead with the planning concept for a Winterfest of Lights. All in favor, motion carried.

- Bike Trail/ Walking Plan will be contacting WILMAPCO for a preliminary meeting.
- Event Insurance moved to workshop for discussion

New Business

• Winter Maintenance Contract

Sharon to put together a bid packet and present at the workshop. There should be consistency in the bids that go out.

• Flu Shots for the employees

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Frank Vari seconded, to approve the employee reimbursement for a flu shot, up to \$25. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

• Charter Amendment Resolution 4.12.2010.3 to establish the authority and process for the removal of the Mayor and/or any Council Person and the filling of vacancies.

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Dean Geracimos seconded to approve Charter Amendment Resolution 4.12.2010.3 to establish the authority and process for the removal of the Mayor and/or any Council Person and the filling of vacancies. All in favor, motion carried.

Boat Slip Lessees

MOTION: Dean Geracimos made a motion, Ron Francis seconded, that the earlier vote last year in November (2009) that going to a lottery based system to be rescinded and that we put in a program of first come/first serve basis for the boat slips. Furthermore, that each boat slip lessee will pay \$3000 per calendar year for their slip. Furthermore, two lists be kept on a first come/first serve basis; one list exclusively for tax payers of Chesapeake City and the other list for non-taxpayers. These are waiting lists to have the opportunity to have a boat slip. Furthermore, the people that presently have boat slips, whether tax payers or not, that have been supporting our town for years, have first right of refusal to pay the new, higher rate. As these people give up the slips in years to come, the town will refer to the tax-paying list first and if all names are exhausted and there are still available slips, the Town can go to the non-tax paying list and entertain that list as well. All in favor, motion carried.

- Speed Reduction from North Side entrance of Town to BMHS **MOTION**: Ron Francis made a motion, Rich Taylor seconded, for the Town to compose a letter requesting SHA reduce the speed limit on 213 from Spears Hill Road to past Bohemia Manor High School to 30MPH. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Event Application Bridal Show

MOTION: Dean Geracimos made a motion, Ron Francis seconded to approve the event application for the Bridal Show contingent upon receiving the insurance, map of street closing by Friday Noon in Town Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

• Event Application – Fall Fest

MOTION: Rich Taylor made a motion, Frank Vari seconded to approve the event application for the Fall Fest contingent upon receiving the insurance and map of street closings, if applicable.

Motion was recinded based on the fact that there will not be any street closings, the event will be held in Pell Gardens and the Civic Association is sponsoring. The event does not need Council approval. The application is only for informational use.

- Event Application Halloween Festival & Pumpkin Attempt
 MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Frank Vari seconded to approve the application for a Halloween Festival & Pumpkin Attempt, contingent upon receiving the insurance certificate and SHA approval for street closings. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Event Application Pet Parade

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Dean Geracimos seconded, to approve the application for the Pet Parade. This will be a Town sponsored event, so no additional insurance is required from the Merchants. All in favor, motion carried.

• Event Application – Candlelight Tour

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Frank Vari seconded, to approve the event application for the Candlelight Tour contingent upon receiving an insurance certificate from TULIP. This is a Merchant Sponsored event with an admission fee. All in favor, motion carried.

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Frank Vari: Requesting that Event Forms all be stamped with a date received stamp.

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, Ron Francis seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Submitted by:	Approved by:	
D. Valerie Walls, Clerk Treasurer	Frank Hill, Mayor	